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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO AND ASSISTANT
SECRETARY KUBISCH

1. SUMMARY. IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO OCTOBER 30
ASST. SECY. KUBISCH EXPLAINED U.S. DESIRE FOR POSITIVE
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH LATIN AMERICA TO HELP U.S. IN FORMU-
LATING ITS POLICIES TOWARD LATIN AMERICA. HE EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT BOGOTA MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS COULD PROVIDE
LATIN AMERICANS OPPORTUNITY TO LAY FOUNDATION FOR SUCH A
DIALOGUE AND SUGGESTED THAT U.S.-ECUADOREAN FISHERIES
DISPUTE WAS ONE TOPIC ON WHICH DIALOGUE WAS NEEDED. END
SUMMARY.

2. ASST. SECY. KUBISCH RECEIVED AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO
OCTOBER 30 IN RESPONSE TO LATTER'S REQUEST FOR MEETING TO
DISCUSS SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LUNCHEON SPEECH TO LA
AMBASSADORS AND PERM REPS AT UN IN NEW YORK AND COLOMBIAN
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CALL FOR MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BOGOTA.

QUEVEDO BEGAN BY ASKING WHAT TOPICS SECRETARY HAD IN MIND WHEN IN UN LUNCHEON SPEECH HE SUGGESTED NEW DIALOGUE BETWEEN U.S. AND LAS.

3. KUBISCH EXPLAINED THAT SECRETARY HAD DIRECTED A FULL REVIEW OF U.S. POLICY IN LATIN AMERICA--INCLUDING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SECURITY AND MILITARY ASPECTS. A WORKABLE POLICY COULD NOT BE DEVELOPED SOLELY IN WASHINGTON AND THEN PRESENTED TO THE LATIN AMERICANS; IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT POLICY BE BASED ON A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF LATIN AMERICAN INTERESTS AND VIEWS. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE LOOKED FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO DISCUSS WITH LAS IN FRANK AND FRIENDLY FASHION OUR RESPECTIVE INTERESTS AND DIFFERENCES. IN SOME CASES WE MIGHT FIND WAYS TO COMPROMISE DIFFERENCES; OTHERS WE MIGHT FIND UNRESOLVABLE. IN ISSUING A CALL FOR A DIALOGUE; US WAS NOT SEEKING TO PRESCRIBE ANY SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION TO LAS. IT WAS UP TO THEM TO DECIDE HOW THEY WISHED TO RESPOND, AND BOGOTA MEETING COULD PROVIDE FORUM FOR THIS.

4. QUEVEDO ASKED IF SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD ATTEND BOGOTA MEETING. KUBISCH STATED THAT SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IN NOVEMBER MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO GO TO BOGOTA ALTHOUGH HE WAS PREPARED TO MEET WITH LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE IF IT WAS CLEAR THAT LAS THEMSELVES AGREED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL. KUBISCH NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN INDICATIONS THAT LA'S DIFFERED ON WHETHER U.S. PARTICIPATION IN BOGOTA MEETING WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

5. QUEVEDO ASKED HOW DIALOGUE WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF U.S. WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT BOGOTA. KUBISCH SAID THAT THE LATIN AMERICANS COULD USE THE MEETING IN BOGOTA TO CONSIDER WHAT RESPONSE THEY WISHED TO MAKE TO THE SECRETARY CALL FOR A DIALOGUE. WE HOPE THE BOGOTA MEETING WOULD PROVIDE THE STARTING POINT FOR A POSITIVE EXCHANGE WITH THE U.S. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF THE RESULT WAS LITANY OF CRITICISM AND A LIST OF LA DEMANDS ALONG LINES OF CONSENSUS OF VINA DEL MAR. WE HOPED THAT LAS WOULD DECIDE TO EXTEND HAND OF FRIENDSHIP RATHER THAN

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6. RESPONDING TO QUESTION FROM QUEVEDO, KUBISCH SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT BE AT BOGOTA. WE THOUGHT IT BEST TO AVOID GIVING THE APPEARANCE OF COACHING THE LA'S ON HOW THEY SHOULD RESPOND TO THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR A DIALOGUE.

7 QUEVEDO THEN ASKED IF KUBISCH COULD IDENTIFY SOME SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN DIALOGUE WOULD BE FRUITFUL. KUBISCH REPEATED THAT WE WANTED TO HEAR LA IDEAS ON THIS BUT ADDED, BY WAY OF ILLUSTRATION, THAT FISHERIES DISPUTE WAS CERTAINLY AN AREA WHERE DIALOGUE WAS NEEDED. U.S. WAS AWARE OF GOE'S VIEW THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOT POSSIBLE WHILE U.S. PUNITIVE LEGISLATION IN EFFECT. THIS PRESENTED A DIFFICULT OBSTACLE FOR USG BECAUSE OF SEPARATION OF POWERS BETWEEN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATURE. NEVERTHELESS, WE HOPED IT WOULD SOMEHOW BE POSSIBLE FOR US AND ECUADOR TO MAKE PROGRESS IN DEALING WITH THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM. KUBISCH SAID HE WOULD ALWAYS WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS AMBASSADOR QUEVEDO MIGHT HAVE IN THIS REGARD. QUEVEDO THANKED KUBISCH FOR RECEIVING HIM AND EMPHASIZED HIS PERSONAL WILLINGNESS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FURTHER THE DIALOGUE WHICH THE U.S. DESIRED. KISSINGER

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